

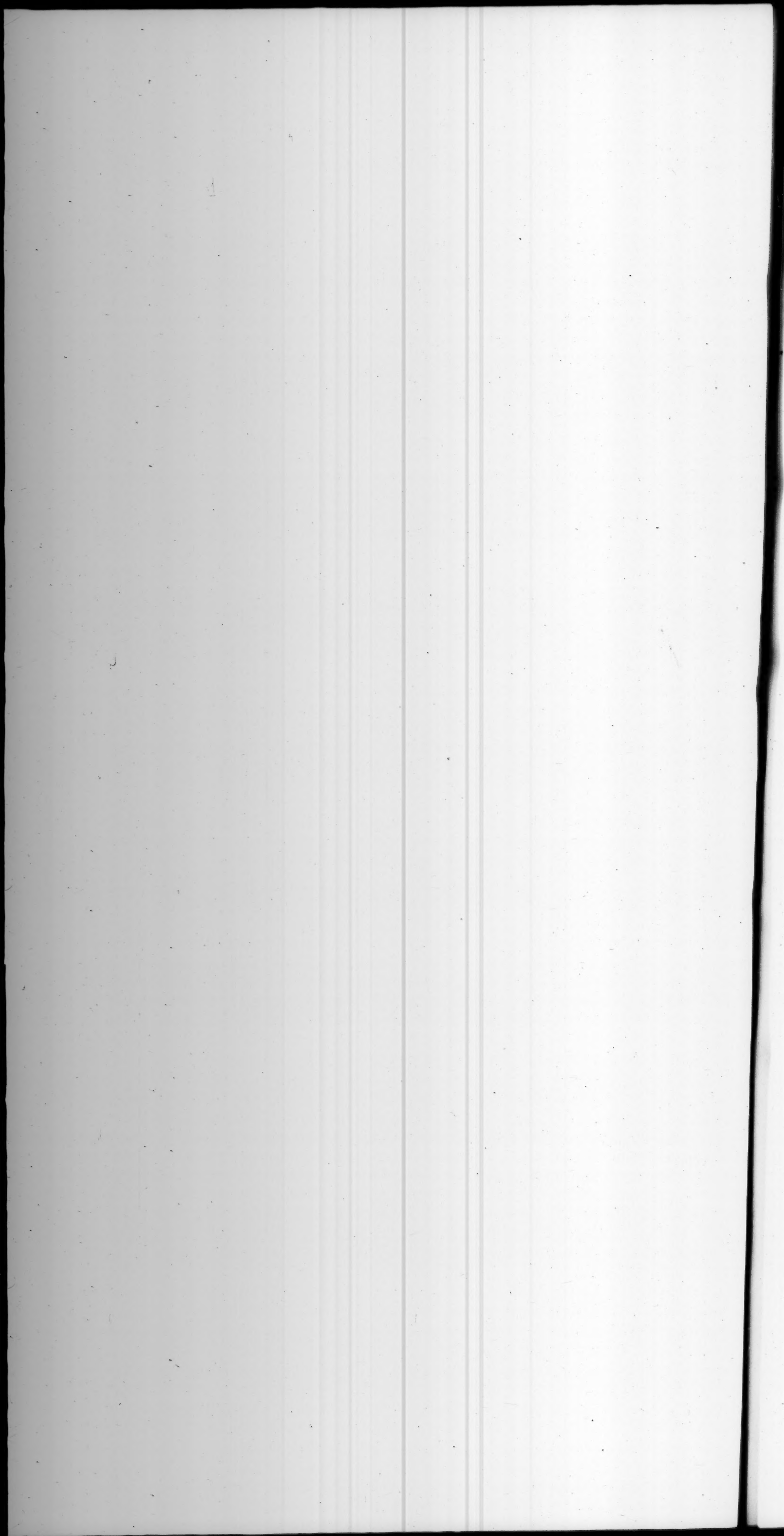


By the King.

A Proclamation for the preuenting of the Exportation of Woolles, Wool-fels, Yarne, Fullers earth, and Woad-ashes and of Hydes, both tanned and raw, out of this Kingdome.



Hereas Our late Royall Father of happy Memorie deceased, hauing vnderstood by the generall complaints of his louing subjects from the seuerall parts of his Realme of England, that of late yeeres theretofore, the woolles of this Kingdome were exceedingly fallen from their wonted values, and that the Cloth and Stuffe of the same had not that vent in foireigne parts, which formerly they had, and taking into his Princely consideration the weighty consequence thereof, as of a matter of very great importance, for the wealth and welfare of this Kingdom, also being careful to prouide a speedy and effectuell remedie against such a growing euill, did by aduice of his Priuy Councell, and after information and report made by diuers persons of qualitie, and known abilitie trusted in that behalfe, finde amongst other things of moment, That the exportation of woolles, wool-fels, woollen Yarne, Fullers earth, and woad-ashes, were a great means to enable the foireigne making of cloth, and a principall impediment to the vent of our clothes made in England: And that the false and deceitfull making, dying, and dressing of our cloth and stufes here made of woolles, did exceedingly disgrace, and discredite the Draperie of this our Kingdome, and did very much hinder the vent of those Commodities. Therupon Our said late Father, did by his royall Proclamation, bearing date the twentieth day of Iuly, in the twentieth yeere of his reigne ouer England, France, and Ireland, straightly charge and command, that no manner of woolles, wool-fels, woollen Yarne, Cornish haire, Fullers earth, or woad-ashes, should be at any time or times, thereafter exported out of this Realme of England, Dominion of Wales, Towne, or Port of Berwicke, or any the Isles, Ports, Creekes, or places thereof, into any foireigne parts, or into the Kingdome of Scotland: nor that any of the sayd Commodities should be transported out of our Kingdome of Ireland, into any other parts, then into the Realme



Realme of England onely vpon such paines as in the sayd Proclamation are contained. Forasmuch as the sayd Proclamation was by Our Fathers de cease determined: And yet wee finde that the reasons and necessitie doe still remaine.

Wee therefore, out of the great desire we haue to aduance the wealth of Our people, and by all meanes possible to cherish and comfort their labours, haue thought fit by the aduice of Our priue Councell to renew the said Proclamation, with further prohibition of the exportation of Hydes both tanned, and rawe, by reason of the exportation whereof, as wee are informed, diuers the like abuses and inconueniences haue, and doe dayly happen.

Wherefore Our Will and pleasure is, and we doe by these presents straightly charge and command, that no manner of Woolles, Wool-fels, Woollen yarne, Cornish haire, Fullers earth, Wood-ashes, or Hydes either raw, or tanned, be at any time, or times hereafter exported out of this Our Realme of England, Dominion of Wales, Towne, or Port of Berwicke, or any the Isles, Ports, Creekes, or places thereof, into any forreigne parts, or into Our Kingdome of Scotland, nor that any manner of Woolles, Wool-fels, Woollen yarne, Cornish haire, Fullers earth, Wood-ashes, or Hydes, either raw or tanned, be transported out of Our Kingdome of Ireland into any other parts, then into the Realme of England onely: vpon paine of confiscation of all such Woolles and other the Premises so transported, or endeauoured to be transported, as also of Our highest indignation, and the severest censure of Our Court of Starre chamber, and of such other paines and penalties as by the Lawes, and Statutes of this Our Kingdome, and by Our Prerogative Royall may be inflicted.

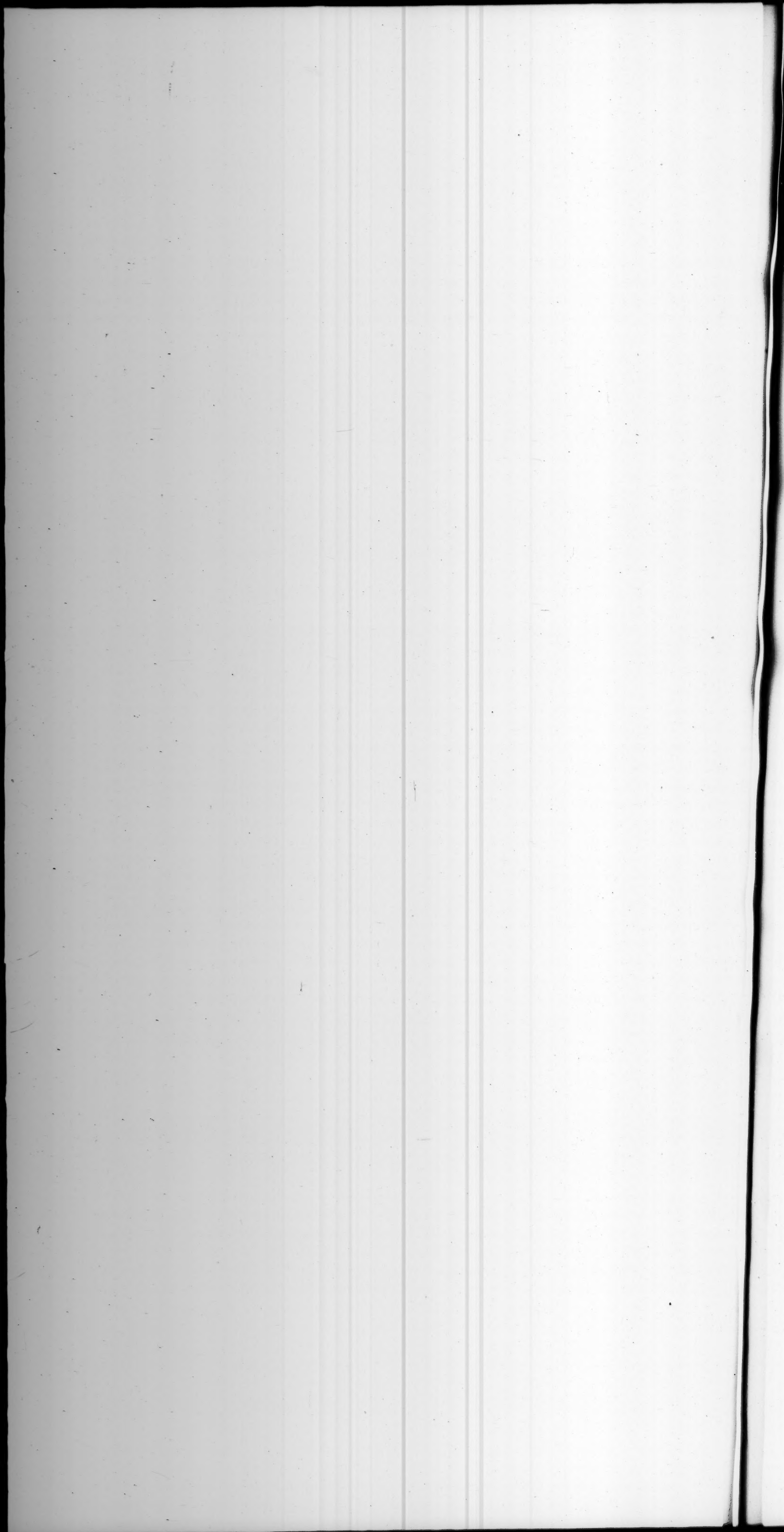
And to the end that all Officers and Ministers in, or about Our Ports of England may the more strictly looke to the obseruance of this Our Will and pleasure, for the wale of this Our Kingdome: we doe further straightly charge and command, that if any Officer, or Minister, of, or belonging to Our Customs, or Ports or attending at any the Hauens, Creeks, or places adiacent, or carrying to the sea, shall consent or conniue at the vnlawfull exportation of the Premises, or any of them; or if any of them, shall make any certificate vpon any Cocket, of the landing of any Wools in any ports of this Our Realme, vnlesse the Officer himself, who shall make such certificate, doe first see the same Wools landed, according to the contents of the said certificate: Or if the said Officers, or any of them shall make any Cocket, which shall not containe the number of Sackes, and the weight of the Wooll in euery Sack, contained in such Cocket, that then euery such Officer, and Minister who shall offend in any the premises, shall not onely forfeit his Office, place, and imployment, but shall also incurre all other the paines and penalties aforesaid. And if any Minister or Officer of, or in any Ship, or other Vessel, shall permit, and suffer any Woolles, Wool-fels, or any other of the premises to be transported in any Ship, Bottom, or other Vessel, wherein or whereof he shall be a Master, or other officer: That then euery person so offending shall be subiect to such paine and penalty as aforesaid.

And in case there be now in force any former Licences or Authorities heretofore given and granted by Us, or any of Our Predecessors for transportation of Wools, or any other the Premises, we doe hereby reuoke and disanull the same. And are resolved that none such hereafter shall be granted.

And for the better vtterance of Cloth within this Our Kingdome, we doe straitly charge and command, that when, and as often as vpon the occasion of any Burials, or Funerals, any Blackes be hereafter giuen or worne; That then such Blackes and mourning stufes shall bee onely of Cloth and Stufes, made of the Wool of this Kingdome, and not elsewhere, nor otherwise.

And for that we are informed, that the false Dying of Cloth and Stufes made of Wools, is a great hinderance to the vent of those commodities. Therefore wee straitly will and command, That no person whatsoever, in, or towards the Dying of any Cloth of what sort soeuer, or of any Stufes made of wool, shall vse any Logwood or Blockwood the vse whereof about the said Clothes or Stufes, hath so often by seuerall Lawes and Proclamations bene already condemned.

And for the better discovery of false and deceiueable Dying, and the suppressing of the said Logwood and Blockwood, in and about the Dying of Stufes made of wool, we doe straitly charge and command the Wardens of the Dyers of London, within the compasse of their



Search and all other Officers in other places; That from time to time they make carefull and diligent Search for the discoverie of all false and deceitfull Dying, and if in their Searches they shall finde any Cloth or Stuffe Dyed with Logwood or Blockwood, either in all, or in part, That they seaze the same, and informe Our Attourney Generall for the time being thereof, that such proceeding may be speedily had against the Offendors, as so great a contempt deserueth.

Further we doe hereby straightly charge and command all Iustices of Peace, Mayors, Sheriffes, Bayliffes, Officers, and other persons whatsoeuer, to doe their best endeavours to discover all and euery the Offendors against this Our Proclamation.

And for the better encouragement of all such as shall take care and paines to make such discoveries, Our Will and pleasure is, that euery such person that shall bee the first discoverer of such Offendor, shall be rewarded with the moiety, or one halfe of such summes of money as shal come vnto Us by vertue of any forfeiture incurred vpon this Our Proclamation: Giuing also like Charge and Command that all persons of what degree, qualitie or place soeuer, to whom it shall appertaine, doe diligently obserue, and readily assist the due performance of this Our Proclamation in all things.

Giuen at Our Court of White-Hall, the seuenteenth day of April, in the sixt yeere of Our Reigne of Great Britaine, France and Ireland.

God saue the King.



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